See Dr. Alexander -

Questions | What the location of the Execution?

It was at Lucas's [~~Wood~~] (Sept. 1862)? | 1st Election -

Blacksmith, where? C. "That means emancipation"

He, & all who heard it, so far as C. before, to the No. of Thirty, were arrested - all y. States, within a radius of 15 miles, were summoned, (Wakefield was one of them) & compelled to witness the execution

Method of Execution?

The Rev. Hanging & feet cut*

Possible to find some living Witnesses?

Samuel May.

Leicester.

Mass.

* by "slitting their soles"

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19 Lancaster St

Cambridge. Aug 26. 1840

The Rev

Samuel May,

My Dear Sir.

Your esteemed favor of Aug 7. should have been earlier answered. Your recollection of our conversation is correct with this exception. The slaves from the all the plantations within a radius of 15 miles were summoned, the number I did not intend to state. for I do not know. — I judge the prisoners were kept under guard, but whether in a public jail or not was

not stated. My informant
was Hon Sam^e Hakefield
a creole. then State Senator.
in the Legislature of La.
He was a man of intelligence
whose statements were deserving
of confidence. He afterwards
took his own life. driven to
desperation by the hopelessness
of his own political interests.
I think he was crazed
when he committed suicide.
His son was murdered
some three years ago in a
brutal riot incited by the
white "regulators" in New
Iberia - La. ——

How Mr Wakefield's story is to be published. I must of course, be instantly denied in La. & unfortunately I have no means of proving it. But I believe every word of it. Understanding this fact. you can use your own judgment in any use you may make of what I have told you. —

I send you by this mail a little book, which I ask you to accept. It is the life of a negro. born in Sicily who was canonized by Pius VII in 1807. — Benoit. the Saint. was the son of a slave.

I greatly enjoyed

meeting you at your home. & when I come to Leicester again. as I hope to do Sept 6th. I shall be glad to see you. & to have Mrs Alexander who will be with me. also have the pleasure of meeting you.

With high regard. believe me

My dear Mr Clay.

Sincerely & Truly Yours.

H. S. Alexander.

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